

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Confirmation No.: 9443
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Chris Riggins, et al.	:	Examiner: David E. Martinez
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Serial No.: 10/681,548	:	Group Art Unit: 2181
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Filed: October 7, 2003	:	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS	:	
PROVIDING ROLE-BASED	:	
CONFIGURATION OF A PORT OF A	:	
NETWORK ELEMENT	:	

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 19, 2007, the shortened statutory period for which runs until December 19, 2007. Please reconsider the present application in view of the amendment and remarks herein:

- **Amendment to the Claims** begin at page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin at page 11 of this paper.